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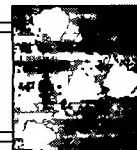
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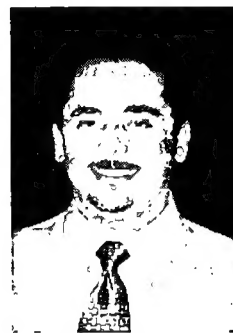
By James Carrion



Making a difference

I had the opportunity to attend the 4th Annual Crash Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas Nov. 10-12, and learned a great deal from the first class lineup of speakers.

I also met many MUFON members there who introduced themselves and wanted to know how they could help MUFON become an even better organization. Their positive can-do attitude is what keeps MUFON at the forefront of UFO investigation and research.



James Carrion

An example of how one individual can make a difference is that of Nevada State Director Mark Easter. Mark has created a high-quality video public service announcement (PSA) for MUFON's public education use.

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John Mack and the Reptilian Project

By Joe Lewells, Ph.D.

In my book *The God Hypothesis* I attempted to share with the readers my findings that the UFO mystery is much more ancient than many UFO researchers are willing to admit.

It is far more complex than a mere alien invasion or a visitation by people from other planets who are here to study our behavior—the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis.

The God Hypothesis is a term coined by the Rev. Barry Downing, Ph.D., a Presbyterian minister who wrote *The Bible and Flying Saucers*.

This theory states that UFOs are to be found in the Bible, in the Sumerian writings, in the Hindu Vedic literature, in shamanic cave art, and in the legends and writings of people all over the earth—even in the cave art of Australian aborigines.

If this is true, then we must seek a deeper understanding of the true nature of this phenomenon.

One researcher who agreed that there was much more to the UFO mystery than what was being proposed by “mainstream” ufology was John E. Mack, M.D., author of *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*, and *Passport to the Cosmos*.

As the reader surely knows, Dr. Mack, who was a professor of psychiatry at Harvard University for nearly 40 years, was killed in September, 2004, in London—run down by a drunk driver as he walked across a street.

His brilliance and stature as a courageous scientist who risked his reputation to tell the truth about the alien abduction phenomenon will be sorely missed by ufology.

But in his years of traveling the world to seek answers to this mystery, Dr. Mack discovered the interdimensional quality of the UFO experience and the spiritual awakening that abductees often had when they confronted their experiences.

It was shocking and dismaying to me that some UFO researchers attacked Dr. Mack when they found that his conclusions did not match the commonly held ET hypothesis described above.

It was bad enough that his own university would attempt to have him fired (a fight which he eventually won), but to have other UFO researchers attacking his competence seemed incredible to me.

After all, he was the best qualified to deal with the psychological aspects of the phenomenon. He had the academic credentials, and those attacking him had none.

Although they regularly used hypnosis on their research subjects, some of the best known researchers are not even certified as hypnotherapists, nor do they have degrees in psychology.

Yet it is these few researchers who will not accept the ancient aspects of the UFO mystery, and who still cling to the theory that Earth is being invaded by nefarious aliens.

In the months before his untimely death, Dr. Mack and I spoke on the phone and by email frequently regarding the dichotomy between the two camps in UFO research.

It was in early 2004 that we began a dialogue regarding the issue of reptilian beings in UFO cases.

Even though he had enthusiastically supported my efforts to deal with reptilians in my book and in my lectures, John had not been willing to cross that line previously, and for good reason.

It is hard enough to be a UFO researcher, without dealing with reptilians.

God only knows, I did not want to deal with them either, but since they were popping up in my research frequently, I felt I had no choice.

What most people didn't know at that time was that Dr. Mack also had reptilians creeping into his case studies, and just as with other researchers, he wasn't quite sure what to do with

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Lewells is a popular speaker at UFO conventions, and has served as MUFON's assistant state director for Texas, as well as a communications consultant for MUFON.

In 1993 he organized the El Paso chapter of MUFON. He was a presenter at the 1995 MUFON International Symposium, discussing “Quantum Physics Discovers the Holographic Universe.”

Lewells is certified as a licensed hypnotherapist, and has written numerous articles related to UFOs.

He is the author of *The God Hypothesis* (Wildflower Press, 1997, second edition, 2005). Dr. Lewells' new book, *Rulers of the Earth: The Secrets of the Sons of God*, will be published by Galde Press in 2007.

them. After all, reptilians are scary, big, muscular, and sexually assertive, unlike the comparatively timid Greys and other types reported by UFO experiencers.

They are also Biblical and Satanic-like. It is just too easy to draw the conclusion that the presence of reptilians automatically means a person is possessed by demons—a conclusion that we both had excluded as a possibility.

His idea was to pull together all of

our research, along with Barbara Lamb, a California researcher who had many reptilian case studies from her years of research and as a certified hypnotherapist. The three of us would divide up the material and present our own portion at the International UFO Conference in Laughlin, NV, in March 2005.

Dr. Mack said, "It's time we dealt with the subject in a rational and scientific way." He was ready to take on the subject and the inevitable controversy that would follow. But we were all up to the challenge.

However, as fate would have it, Dr. Mack died before we could make our presentation. Barbara and I went ahead and gave our portions of the presentation, but Dr. Mack's part was never completed. We were to share our efforts with each other when he returned from London.

To this day, Dr. Mack's case studies are not available, so the number of cases and the substance of those cases are not known.

The most systematic effort thus far to answer questions raised by the abduction phenomenon was MUFON's 1992 Abduction Transcription Project conducted by Dan Wright.

Sponsored in part by the Fund for UFO Research, the project collected transcripts of audio-taped interviews and hypnosis sessions with experiencers provided by well known and respected researchers from various parts of the country.

Through February, 1996, Wright had accumulated 750 transcripts involving 215 separate cases, going back to the 1940s. It is clear that this study needs to be updated and expanded, but even this limited project was quite revealing.

Wright summarized 142 cases from 15 researchers at the 1995 MUFON Symposium. Among the entity types described by abductees were the whitish, grayish, or bluish beings which we have come to call "grays," the tall blondes, an occasional "heavily wrinkled old one," the "praying mantis" type, and the reptilian.

Wright indicated that beings with

reptilian features are reported in something less than 20 percent of abduction cases. He noted, however, that "when a so-called reptilian is repeatedly described as having the same scaly skin tone, claws for fingers, and an extreme interest in sexuality, one must pay attention."

Of special interest is the fact that the praying mantis and reptilian entities were often perceived by experiencers as being the leaders.

The reptilian is described as having powerful muscled bodies, greenish or brownish scaly skin, penetrating yellow "cat eyes" with vertically-slit pupils, and four-fingered claw hands with webbing between the fingers. Abductees almost always describe the reptilians as "ugly."

Wright discussed one case in which a woman awoke in bed amid the throes of sexual passion to discover scaly claws at her private parts—indicative of a reptilian.

Back in 1993, at the Ozark conference (which was my first UFO conference), I met a woman from Colorado who, fighting back tears and visibly shaken, described to me an encounter she had experienced which involved what appeared to be a reptilian:

"I remember seeing a greenish, brown hand with scaly skin and long, sharp claws reaching for me," she said, sobbing. "It had four fingers with webbing in between and had an extra joint in its fingers that allowed it to flex in a peculiar way." At this point she was unable to continue.

I also sat in on a hypnosis session conducted in El Paso, TX, by John Carpenter, MUFON's former director of abduction research, which involved a woman, Rita, with a history of encounters since childhood. Among other things which came out of this session was the following:

Rita: "I ask them why they look so different....They ask me why I look like [I do]....They taught me things....Not to be afraid. They taught me that there's other life, that there's other places....They were just too ugly, too ugly, too ugly."

Carpenter: "What one thing makes

them really ugly?"

Rita: "Their skin is funny....I don't think I've ever touched a frog, but I think that is what it would feel like....There are other things there....There are the ones we know as the Greys....and then there's other things, the ones I don't want to look at; they all look like bugs or things; they're just so ugly."

Carpenter: "Does it look like a bug you've seen on Earth?"

Rita: "Yeah, those praying mantis things...This is tall and big and, and he's moving around."

Carpenter: "The praying mantis ones, are they different from the scary ones?"

Rita: "Easier to look at. The other ones are just too ugly....They're the ones...that were doing the stuff [medical procedures]....They have big heads....Funny skin...they look black or dark...there isn't a nose. It's all big head, big eyes, and there's something about the eyes....they just eat you up with their eyes....It's as if our whole mind goes into their eyes."

The praying mantis type is also reported to participate in the "staring" procedure which has been described by various researchers, particularly Dr. David Jacobs of Temple University in his book *Secret Life*.

This procedure involves a being placing its face "nose to nose" with the experiencer and engaging in prolonged staring directly into the abductee's eyes.

The effect, as described by those who have experienced it, is totally shattering to the human ego. Abductees often comment that it is as if "my mind and my soul were completely swallowed up by those eyes."

In some cases, the abductee feels that information is also transmitted into his or her brain during the procedure.

In the April, 1993, issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, Carpenter noted that researchers had held back their knowledge of the "lizard creatures" from the general public for fear of being laughed at. But when they began sharing some of their findings, they discovered "amazing matches and similarities."

Carpenter has had about a dozen cases in which the creatures are described as "hideous, rude, and aggressive."

A composite of the descriptions reveals an entity six to eight feet tall, fingered hands with claws and webbing between the fingers, a face that looks like a cross between a human and a snake, a central ridge coming down from the top of the head to the snout, cat-like eyes with vertically slit pupils and gold irises.

Often they leave claw-like bruises and scratches on the abductees.

There is a general feeling expressed among researchers that these enigmatic beings are an extremely old species, endowed with wisdom gained over thousands, or perhaps millions, of years.

It is probably safe to say that no member of the human race would be too thrilled to learn that there is a race of insects or reptilians superior to the human race.

However, a look at ancient literature, as well as our own anatomy, suggests that humans may have close links with the reptilians.

Some researchers, such as Dr. Jacobs and Budd Hopkins, have concluded that human and entity hybrids are currently being produced. If true, then perhaps these entities have been involved over the centuries with human evolution.

Human anatomy argues strongly for the conclusion that we do indeed have a reptilian heritage.

Carl Sagan pointed out that the human brain clearly shows signs of having evolved from reptiles. The center and most ancient portion of the human brain is commonly known among neurophysiologists as the reptilian complex, or "r" complex, and is believed to be a primitive vestige of our reptilian past.

It is this portion that is believed to be in some sense continuing to perform the dinosaur functions, such as territoriality, aggressive behavior, and the establishment of social hierarchies. (Sagan, 1977, p 62-63).

Could the Book of Genesis have ref-

erences to genetic engineering performed by extraterrestrials?

If so, it would behoove us to ask who it was that gave this awesome power to the first humans, for whoever did it was bestowing on humanity god-like powers—the ability to make abstract, moral judgments and to think in ways beyond the abilities of the other animals.

Of course we know that it was the serpent who tempted Eve to eat the fruit, and after it was eaten, God said: "Behold, the man has become as one of us [plural], to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat and live forever (Genesis 3:22) he must be driven from the Garden of Eden."

And what of the serpent who violated God's will? According to the Bible, God pronounced his judgment: "Upon thy belly shalt thou go," implying that this reptilian being was not a snake—at least as we know snakes—but rather a creature that walked upright.

Is this another clue that points to the authenticity of what some abductees are being told about the ETs' involvement in human evolution? Perhaps, but the Bible tells very little about the creation of humanity. To find out more it is necessary to be familiar with other ancient documents, contemporary to or even preceding the Old Testament.

Two such documents are the Nag Hammadi texts, discovered in 1945 in Egypt, buried in an earthenware box, and a volume of ancient Jewish legends known as the Haggadah. These ancient texts contain many little-known references to the story of humankind's creation that imply that we had a reptilian heritage.

For example, the Haggadah includes this interesting description of Adam and Eve after they ate of the forbidden fruit:

"The first result was that Adam and Eve became naked. Before, their bodies had been overlaid with a horny skin, and enveloped with the cloud of glory.

No sooner had they violated the command given them than the cloud of glory and the horny skin dropped from them, and they stood there in their nakedness, and ashamed." (Barnstone, 1984, p. 34)

The Nag Hammadi Texts offer the



Quetzalcoatl.

following version of the story of Adam and Eve:

"She looked at the tree. And she saw that it was beautiful and magnificent, and she desired it. She took some of its fruit and ate, and she gave to her husband also, and he ate too. Then their minds were opened. For when they ate, the light of knowledge shone for them.... They knew that they were naked with regard to knowledge.... They saw that they were naked and became enamored of one another. When they saw their makers [plural] they loathed them, since they were of beastly forms. They understood very much." (Barnstone, 1984, p. 71.)

Not many of us want to be told that, rather than being created by God with a capital "G," we were created by hideous creatures known in ancient times as gods with a small "g."

The Haggadah describes the reptilians quite specifically:

"Among the animals, the serpent was notable. Of all of them, he had the most excellent of qualities, in some of which he resembled man. Like man, he stood upright on two feet, and in height

he was equal to the camel.... His superior mental gifts caused him to become an infidel. It likewise explains his envy of man, especially his conjugal visits." (Barnsone, 1984, p. 33)

This description, written more than 2,000 years ago, is a remarkably accurate description of today's reptilian beings as described by abductees, and should give pause.

The history and mythology of the human race is full of references to serpent gods who at times are depicted as benevolent, and at other times as cruel and barbaric.

In India, one of the oldest books known, the Book of Dzyan, speaks of a serpent race which descended from the skies to teach humankind. These were the Nagas (this, curiously, is Sagan spelled backwards), a semi-divine race of beings with human faces and the tails of dragons.

An ancient Indian epic tale, the Mahabharata, includes this passage regarding the Nagas:

"The gods came in cloud-borne chariots,

Came to view the scene so fair.
Winged Suparnas, scaly Nagas,
Bright celestial cars in concourse
sailed upon the cloudless sky." (Boulay, 1990, p. 108)

Note that the gods came in "cloud-borne" chariots, indicating their appearance was something like a bright cloud, yet the last line makes it clear that the sky was cloudless.

This is typical of ancient texts, which often describe the chariots of the gods as clouds—perhaps because they simply had no other frame of reference.

In Egypt the snake is depicted as a powerful creature, capable of carrying the soul of the Pharaoh to the land of immortality. Paintings depicting the Pharaoh riding to heaven on the back of a flying snake have been found in royal burial chambers.

The snake was adopted by them as the symbol of kingship and divine heritage, and can be seen on the head dresses of their kings, protruding from the center of the forehead, home of the mysterious "third eye" in Eastern cultures.



In addition, the Egyptians believed in gods who had come down from the heavens in ancient times and mated with them, creating a line of semi-divine kings.

In Mexico and South America the Aztecs and the builders of other megalithic structures worshipped the feathered serpent gods, Kulkulkan and Quetzalcoatl, who were said to have imparted the wisdom of the sciences, particularly astronomy, to their civilizations.

The Sumerian tablets, popularized by Zecharia Sitchin, tell of a race of gods who came to Earth more than 240,000 years ago, led by the god An (thus they were called the Annunaki) and his sons, Enki and Enlil.

It fell on Enki, who was often depicted in the Sumerian drawings as half snake and half man, to create a hybrid worker race. These first hybrid humans could not reproduce, as is the case with most hybrid species, and this was a method of control.

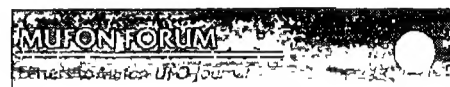
But Enki, against the wishes of his brother, gave the hybrids the ability to procreate. In the Sumerian version, as in the Bible, first humans were given to eat from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. The ancient drawings use a picture of a snake coiled around a tree, bearing the fruit of knowledge, along with a half moon for Ea and the planet symbol of Anu, as a glyph represent-

ing the creator gods. (fig 17 p 227). In some cases the tablets depict two snakes coiled around the tree, coincidentally reminiscent of the double helix of the DNA molecule.

Even now, nearly 6,000 years later, this symbol (known as the caduceus) is used to represent wisdom and healing, and is used by the American Medical Association as its logo.

We might surmise that the hybrids began to mate (probably with ape-like beings that existed at the time), and they gradually lost their reptilian appearance, further enraging Enlil.

Perhaps the Bible does not tell the whole story of creation. Perhaps there are many layers of god-like beings between us and the Creator. Perhaps scientists know less than they think they know about evolution.



A similar object

Dear Mr. Connelly,

I was astounded to see a drawing on page 6 of the September *MUFON UFO Journal* of the same object I saw in September, 1961, when I lived in Stockton, CA.

But unlike the pictured craft, the one I saw had a sound, as if a thousand—or more—vacuum cleaners had been switched on all at once.

I have been seeing "objects" since I was a young child, and have kept a journal, so if you would like a full report, I would be glad to send it.

I have recently been named a Field Investigator for MUFON.

—Shirley M. Wheeler

Editor's Response: The *Journal* would be happy to have your report.

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Pye: Starchild anomalies continue

On Nov. 27, the National Geographic cable TV channel aired a new episode of their "Is It Real?" series, "Ancient Astronauts," which featured, among other topics, the Starchild skull which author/researcher Lloyd Pye has been having tested as a possible human/alien hybrid.

According to Pye, author of *Everything You Know is Wrong*, two major breakthroughs have occurred in the Starchild's situation, "and those developments made it extremely likely that the Starchild skull would finally be proven beyond doubt as not entirely human."

Pye explains, "We've known for a long time that the 900-year-old skull (verified by Carbon-14 testing) has bone that is uniformly much thinner and much lighter than it should be, and that it was inexplicably much harder than normal."

"Now we think we know why. There are unprecedented 'fibers,' for lack of a better term, embedded in the matrix of the bone itself! Nothing like it has ever been seen before, but there it is."

A second breakthrough, he says, was the discovery that inside many of the skull's cancellous holes (the places where marrow exists) was a reddish "residue" of some kind, "every bit as unprecedented as the fibers embedded in the matrix. Absolutely nothing at all should be in cancellous holes 900 years after death."

These discoveries, he reports, come on top of "the most significant revelation yet—the DNA testing."

In 2003 when the Starchild's DNA was tested at Trace Genetics in California, they found that its mitochondrial DNA (inherited from its mother) pulled up easily and showed its mtDNA was indeed human, according to Pye.

"This was expected," he says, "because if it was indeed a human-alien hybrid—the working hypothesis—an egg could be genetically manipulated to make it so that a hybridization could take place, while a sperm is entirely too small."

"So that part of the testing went ex-

actly as anticipated, but then came the attempts to sequence its nuclear DNA, which comes from both parents."

The Starchild's nuclear DNA was run through the cycle seven times, he explains, "and in no case was the slightest whiff of its nuclear DNA found by the genetic primers used to do this delicate work."

"Why not? Two possible reasons," says Pye. "Either the nuclear DNA was degraded in some highly unusual, or even improbable, manner, or the primers were not 'seeing' its DNA."

"The problem is that such primers are designed to recover only human DNA, nothing else. So if they easily recovered its mitochondrial DNA, which they did, but could find not a trace of its nuclear DNA, it seems obvious that the primers were simply ineffective."

"They couldn't do their job," he says, "because the DNA they were seeking is not entirely human. It contains 'something else.' What might that be? Yet another breakthrough will soon tell us."

"Recently there has been great scientific jubilation at a technical breakthrough that will allow the entire genetic package (the genome) of a Neanderthal to be sequenced."

"This truly is worthy of so much attention," Pye says, "because of all the amazing data that might be gleaned. However, lost in the propwash of this announcement is the fact that the Starchild skull will definitely benefit from it because the new technique does not use primers!"

"The problem that has been hanging up the whole Starchild Project since 2003—the lack of workable primers for it—is no longer an issue. There is now a bright light at the end of the Starchild's seven-year tunnel."

"This testing will not be available to us until after the Neanderthal is sequenced, which will end some time in 2008," he says. "Then the Starchild can get in line and should have its DNA available within a year, two at most."

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Pye and friend.

Starchild background

An American girl of Mexican heritage in her late teens was taken by her parents to visit relatives living in a small rural village 100 miles southwest of Chihuahua, Mexico, 60 to 70 years ago.

The girl was forbidden to enter any of the area's numerous caves and mine tunnels, but, like most teenagers, she went exploring.

At the back of a mine tunnel she found a complete human skeleton lying on the ground's surface. Beside it, sticking up out of the ground, was a malformed skeletal hand entwined in one of the human skeleton's upper arms.

The girl proceeded to scrape the dirt off a shallow grave to reveal a buried skeleton smaller than the human one, and also malformed. She did not specify the type or degree of any of the "malformations."

The girl recovered both skulls and kept them for the remainder of her life. Upon her death they were passed to an American man, who maintained possession for five years before passing them to the American couple who now control them.

Well-known legends with roots spreading throughout Central and South America over two centuries or more in general state that on a regular basis "Star Beings" come down from the heavens and impregnate females in remote, isolated villages.

The women carry their "starchildren" to term, then raise them to age six or so. At that point the Star Beings return to collect their progeny and remove them to places, and for purposes, not clearly outlined in the legends.

Prototype shows proof of principle

Device makes objects 'invisible'

Providing a bit of scientific credibility to claims that UFOs sometimes become invisible, researchers at Duke University have developed what they call an "invisibility cloak."

This is a rudimentary device that hides objects by bending electromagnetic waves so that they flow around the object like water around a rock.

Because none of the waves are reflected back at the observer, the object seems basically invisible, but it does not yet provide complete invisibility, since it produces a small shadow that can be detected.

Also, the device works only with microwave radiation—not the visible light waves—and only in two dimensions.

However, it represents a proof of principle for a theory first published only five months ago.

Scientists created a cylinder, or "cloak," about 5 inches across, consisting of 10 fiberglass plates precisely etched with U-shaped copper divots to cancel reflections and shadows from microwaves.

The prototype, described in the journal *Science*, creates an electromagnetic "mirage" around objects, bending microwaves just enough to cancel out reflections, shadows and distortion, says lead author David Schurig of Duke.

The technology differs from "stealth" applications, which tamp down radar reflections but don't eliminate them.

A cloak, in theory, would allow radar waves to flow past an object without any interference whatsoever.

To test the cloak, researchers first fired microwaves at a copper cylinder and recorded the electronic shadow it cast. They next showed in contrast that microwaves largely pass around the cloak as if it weren't there.

"There is some reflection, so this isn't perfect, but it is only a prototype," Schurig says.

The work is very preliminary, but it could herald an era of effectively invisible "cloaked" devices, says study senior author David Smith of Duke Uni-

versity in Durham, N.C.

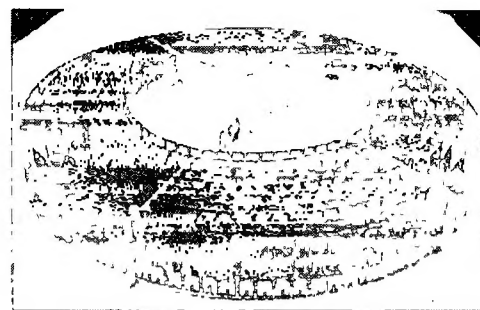
A prototype so far hides objects only from microwaves, not from visible light, so the human eye can still see the objects.

"It's a very good achievement," physicist Ulf Leonhardt of the University of St. Andrews in Britain told *Science*.

"It's surprising that it's as simple as it is, and that it works so well."

—Thomas H. Maugh II, *Los Angeles Times*; Dan Vergano, *USA Today*

—Thanks to Kenneth Larson



This cylinder, or "cloak" is made up of fiberglass plates, etched with U-shaped copper divots.

Rotating object in N. California

Investigated by Chuck Reeve, MUFON Director of Investigations

The primary witness, Chris Bassett, has been employed by the State of California for 12 years as an office technician for the Legislative Bureau of California.

He appears to be a person of good character, and states that he has good hearing and 20/20 vision.

Sighting account narrative

Bassett was in his back yard in Sacramento, CA, on July 18, 2005, at 6:30 PM watering his lawn. He happened to look up and saw an object to the north, stationary, but moving or rotating and seeming to change shape.

It was reflecting the Sun, which made it difficult to see. It would twinkle like a star, but was much lower than a star.

It appeared to be giving off some kind of heat—the kind of wavy haze that comes from the pavement when you look down the road on a hot day.

At that point he knew it was not an airplane, and phoned his roommate, who told him to get his video camera. When Bassett came outside, the object had moved to the southeast.

It was his first time using the camera, and he spent most of the time trying to obtain as much video footage as possible. The video is not steady, but

the image is good enough to determine it is not a known aircraft.

At one point a commercial airplane flew past the object, but that was not captured on tape. Bassett states that the pilot had to see the object.

Bassett's roommate, James, who is a network manager for an architectural company, came home at 7:30 PM, and Bassett pointed out the object to him, although it was now farther away.

James agrees that it was no airplane, and neither could explain the sighting. The object continued to move to the southeast.

The object was first seen for about the first ten minutes over a bio-gas conversion plant landfill where they collect methane gas and other gases from decomposing waste and convert it to power.

Sighting conclusion

The video DVD is very shaky, but certain scenes are quite clear, and are similar to objects in other parts of the world. This object is, in fact, most similar to an event I observed in July of 2003.

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MUFON Utah co-director says

Claim of two UFO crashes/retrievals lacks evidence

By Ronald S. Regehr

Co-State Director, MUFON Utah

Linda Moulton-Howe, a well-known UFO researcher, has, for over a year, reported on two alleged crash/retrieval events in the state of Utah, where I am MUFON co-state director.

In the first, Linda believes a UFO crashed and was buried at a remote desert site near Garrison, UT, in 1953.

In the second, Linda believes that in more recent times a disc crashed and was recovered at a radar site at Cedar Breaks, UT.

Linda posted her findings on these two cases on her website [www.earthfiles.com] and presented the findings of the Garrison case at the 2005 Crash/Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas, NV, and at the 2006 Ozark UFO Conference in Arkansas.

I am constrained to report that my own inquiry into these two Utah cases suggest they never happened. What follows are the results of my investigation.

Garrison, UT, case

This 1953 UFO event is supposed to have taken place at an 87-square mile facility known as the Desert Experimental Range (DER), established in 1933 by then-President Hoover.

DER is ecologically unique, and has been set aside as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) biosphere reserve (no international treaties were involved in the designation). The DER is managed by the US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station.

This area exemplifies "Great Basin ecology," and current USDA studies are examining the relationship of humans and the land. Particular focus is on shrub restoration and balancing rangeland vegetation.

The DER allows livestock grazing through cooperative agreements with area ranchers, and monitors the short- and long-term effects of that grazing.

DER headquarters is in Provo, UT, and the 87-square-mile DER complex itself lies in a remote high-desert area NW of Milford, UT, on Highway 21 (coordinates -113° 40' 29.83" by 38° 37').

There is no mail delivery (in spite of the large, decrepit mailbox), radio, or telephone. Stan Kitchen, USDA Forest Service botanist is the facility manager, with his primary office in Provo.

According to Kitchen, he works at the site when guests are scheduled, or several times a month, depending upon the workload.

Les Valez, who is researching this case, told me that Steve Jones, another researcher, visited the site six times during the past 10 years.

In July 2005, Linda herself visited the site with Jones, yet neither ever interviewed the site manager to see if there was at least a plausible explanation for some of the anomalies cited by Linda. I did.

On Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, Utah UFO investigator Ryan Layton, Darlene Slade (MUFON), and I made an unannounced, impromptu visit to the site. There we met Stan Kitchen, facility manager.

After an approximate 1-hour interview, Kitchen took us on a complete tour of the DER facility. We entered every building, every room, and every basement; opened every door, and peeked into every closet.

We thumped on the walls, made measurements, photographed and videotaped, and were granted total, unrestricted access to anywhere and everywhere we wished.

We searched the entire complex, and found nothing except some old buildings. Some of these contained remnants of furniture and bedding, showing there was occasional use; one was a generator building housing a diesel-electric generator; there was an outhouse, a decrepit tennis court, housing units, and, roughly 1/4-mile away, the infa-

About the author

Ron Regehr, MUFON's Co-State Director for Utah, was a presenter at the 2006 MUFON International Symposium with new information on the classic 1976 battle between Iranian F-4 jets and a UFO (see issue of the *Journal*).

This and other presentations grew out of more than 25 years of work with a team that developed the specifications for one of our nation's top spy satellites.

During this time he was frequently called on to assist government specialists in their evaluations of various highly classified programs.

In the mid 1980's Regehr's involvement in these classified programs convinced him that the government was withholding the truth about UFOs.

He has dedicated the past 20 years to lifting this veil of secrecy, compiling hundreds of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) documents, interviews with key individuals, and extensive information on one highly sensitive spy satellite.

Regehr has been the subject of—and author of—numerous articles since he first became interested in the UFO phenomenon in the 1950's.

mous solar arrays.

Our visit suggests a prosaic explanation for most, if not all, of the DER features Howe found suspicious.

What follows in bold italics is each of the points Howe made on her website in support of her conclusion that a UFO crashed at the site in 1953.

Howe: "... a large triangular feature in the dry lakebed near a government facility known as the Desert Research Experimental Station, or D.R.E.S. [sic]"

There is, indeed, a large triangular feature about three miles east-northeast

from the DER building complex. This triangle measures approximately 4,400 on each of its major sides, and 2,700 at its base. The apex of the triangle points at 202°, or 22° west of due south.

It is this large triangle that initially piqued the interest of a group of California UFO researchers led by Steve Jones, who brought it to Howe's attention.

Jones and Howe present three disparate theories as to what formed the triangle: (1) the impact of an extraterrestrial craft, (2) US government efforts to disguise/bury the alleged craft, (3) a permanent marker in the lake bed for unknown purposes.

Howe: "... a strange juxtaposition to all the peeling paint and boarded up windows are new padlocks and many new doors with brand new solid locks."

According to Kitchen, he was forced to put on new doors and locks when vandals broke into the facility.

Our personal inspection of the facility bears out the validity of the "juxtaposition of peeling paint" and various new fixtures.

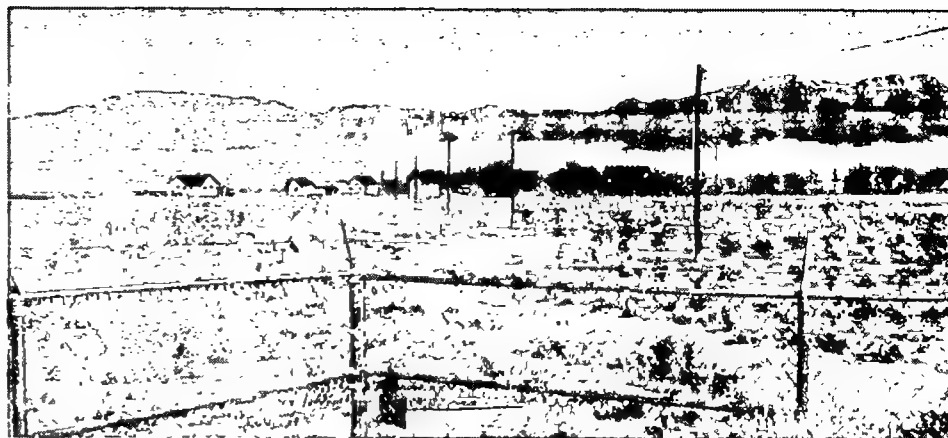
I spent roughly an hour with Kitchen in the "north house," which serves as Kitchen's "home away from home," and is the structure Howe pointed out as having new paint, a new door, weather stripping, and a new lock.

However, many of the other buildings still need new paint, and several have broken doors and windows that Kitchen had boarded up in an effort to discourage thieves or partygoers.

Kitchen says he repairs what he can when he can, yet his primary job is as a botanist—not maintenance and repair. This is at least a plausible explanation for the "juxtaposition to all the peeling paint" that Howe found suspicious.

Howe: "... a new mono-directional antenna is powered by a new solar energy array..."

Although Jones speculates the simple Yagi antenna is part of a satellite uplink, Kitchen pointed out that the antenna was an attempt to provide reliable telephone communication between the DER facility and another USDA facility in Cedar City and was installed



View of the Desert Experimental Range facilities from solar pump station.

in 1994.

I took a close look at the disconnected and corroded antenna wiring and connections and was convinced the antenna was disconnected and hadn't been used for many years, and Kitchen acknowledged that his attempts to repair the device had proven futile.

There is no sign of any "satellite uplink" equipment anywhere at the facility. Thus, the antenna is not "new;" it is not even in service. And it certainly is not powered by the solar array.

Howe: "What we're looking at here is a brand new solar panel array ... Just to give you an idea of cost ... a little over \$100,000 of solar panel array that is set up in the middle of this facility in the middle of nowhere. Why?"

Kitchen told me the solar array was installed in 2001 to replace the original 1935 diesel-powered, shaft-driven pump. The pump is needed to provide water for livestock, Kitchen said.

Solar power at this facility makes sense to me. My brother owns some off-the-grid isolated property, and after struggling with erratic fuel deliveries, road closures, and other frustrations, he, too, concluded photo-voltaic power filled his needs.

I next checked with Colin Gates, representative for the manufacturer/installer of the system, Southwest PV Systems, Inc. Gates told me the solar-powered pumping system was installed in October 2001, at a total cost of \$60,000, and provides power to the pump only.

The system was designed to produce

between 5,600 and 6,500 gallons per day (gpd) at a maximum flow rate of 17.6 gallons per minute (gpm).

Water is delivered into an on-site concrete storage tank, from where the water is gravity fed to the water distribution points for animal consumption. The storage tank is also equipped with a float level switch that will disable the pump when the tank is filled to capacity and enable it again when the water level is low.

Howe thought the power generated by the solar array was used for powering lights or devices in the structures, but 3-phase power is not compatible with household use; it is perfectly suited for this (pumping) application.

Howe: "One particular building has new fuel tanks next to its half buried [sic] structure."

No mystery here. We found a diesel-powered generator in the "half-buried" building. It provides single-phase or common household power to the buildings in the DER complex via overhead wires.

The generator is interconnected to the structures in such a manner as to allow it to be turned on and off from several of the buildings, as needed. I didn't ask Kitchen, but I believe the building is "half-buried" to dampen the noise of the diesel engine.

Howe: "Behind one of the DRES [sic] buildings are two large air ventilation shafts above what seems to be an underground room covered by a cement roof. 'Junk' wall boards are piled against the cement structure."

Howe believes that the air ventila-

tion shafts lead to an underground tunnel that connects the buildings with the alleged UFO burial site (the geologic triangle).

But our inspection did not bear this out. Behind one of the buildings we found the two ventilator shafts Howe mentioned. They did look out of place, and a set of cellar-type doors blocked by several layers of old plywood at first heightened my suspicions.

The "junk" wallboards were aged plywood, and Kitchen said he used them to block the former outside entrances, keeping animals from venturing into the basement.

Kitchen and Layton pulled these plywood panels aside, revealing a set of concrete stairs and a patched-up old door. Finally, I thought, we might have something!

Kitchen then walked to the side of the building and unlocked the back door, which opened to a small landing. Straight ahead was a hallway that led to the kitchen, and to the left a set of stairs led down to the basement.

At the bottom right of the stairs was a green door. Kitchen opened the door and stepped into the underground room. There, plainly visible in the ceiling were two square holes—the other side of the suspicious ventilators.

Kitchen explained they were to provide fresh air to the sub-basement room, formerly used as a root cellar for storage of perishable food. Clearly its function changed over time as other items were stored there. Summer is hot, and there is no air conditioning. These ventilation shafts made sense to me.

Was this the room from which "several curious UFO investigators" illegally entered and stole aerial photographs and the 1980 to 1983 "Record Book of Visitors" several years ago?

It was these photographs and the guest register that helped convince Jones and Howe that this desert location had hidden secrets. Kitchen said he didn't know, as the maps and guest register were stolen before he became site manager.

We closely inspected the walls, searching for a hidden door or any in-

dication of an outlet, but found nothing other than the green door. This previously mysterious underground structure didn't lead to a hidden tunnel, but had a more prosaic purpose: respite from the scorching summer heat.

Howe: "[military] People that you would not expect to be traveling all the way to the remote Desert Experimental Range included ..."

Why did military personnel visit the site? Howe wanted to know. I think I know the answer.

In 2005, along with most of the audience at the Crash/Retrieval Conference, I was stunned that a remote range in Utah, dedicated to the scientific study of livestock grazing would include, among other visitors, US Army personnel, personnel from the USAF R&D Headquarters, Naval Research Laboratory, US Army Special Forces, EG&G from Nellis AFB, and Morton Thiokol.

These visitors didn't make sense—until it hit me. Was this site ever considered for an MX missile base during the Cold War? The timing seemed correct, so I "Googled" "MX."

Pay dirt! It seems that in January, 1980, the Milford, UT, City Council voted to encourage the Air Force to consider the area as a place to locate the MX missile. The council urged that one of the major bases serving MX be built as close to Milford as possible.

Then I rechecked the entries Howe provided from the pilfered guest log. I wasn't surprised to find that just two months after this city council meeting these "unexpected" guests arrived at the DER facility, 41 miles west of Milford.

Now each and every one of these military and government contractor guests made sense. Without interviewing each of the visitors, we may never know with certainty the intent of their visit; however, we can reasonably conclude they were there to assess the DER as a potential MX site.

Howe: "... there had been a UFO crash out in the Utah dry lakebed in the late spring of 1953 and that it was related to the Kingman, Arizona, crash which allegedly occurred on

May 20, 1953."

Howe believes there is at least a chronological connection between the DER triangle and the Kingman, AZ, crash on May 20, 1953.

Let's pause for a moment and examine the plausibility of an event of this magnitude. A UFO crashing into the desert floor would have set into motion an immense government effort, intended to:

1. Determine if there was a crash.
2. Secure the site.
3. Assess the site and determine if the UFO could be moved.
4. Transport people and equipment to bury the craft.
5. Prepare the now-buried craft for scientific examination.

A large convoy would have off-loaded equipment and personnel (probably at an Air Force base, and the nearest one is Hill AFB, near Salt Lake City), traveled over 200 miles on public highways to the site, established temporary quarters and communications links, and moved more than 1,000,000 cubic yards of material.

Somehow, security forces would have shielded this effort from the two area ranchers that work the valley, local law enforcement, and from everyone traveling Highway 21.

This would challenge the most intrepid security force, as visibility in this flat, desert terrain is about 25 miles.

If completely burying a large crashed UFO wasn't challenge enough, we're then expected to believe, so the story goes, that troops also hand dug a 3-mile long tunnel from the now-buried UFO to one of the DER buildings to enable visitors secret access.

Where did the ¾-million cubic yards of excavated material go after they dug the tunnel? Where did the hundreds of yards of concrete needed to shore up the tunnel come from? Where are the truck tracks and other signs of this massive undertaking?

Remember, all of this activity had to be completed and all signs of any activity removed in a scant 22 days for a Kingman, AZ, connection to be valid!

If there would have been this tremendous amount of activity, surely the

aerial photo of the anomalous triangle Howe provides, taken on June 11, 1953, (a scant 22 days following the alleged crash) would show some evidence of any earth-moving activity! But it doesn't.

Not only that, but what appear to be desert shrubs are growing on what would have been recently shoveled and bulldozed "soft sand."

There is no sign of any bulldozer tracks—even though we know that similar tracks laid down in the California desert in 1942 as a result of General Patton's desert warfare training maneuvers are still plainly visible.

Assuming there really was a crashed flying saucer buried under the triangle (which I don't), wouldn't it make much more sense to build a structure directly over the now-buried UFO, build an elevator down to the craft, and install a perimeter security fence?

Those trying to hide a crashed disc would have a perfect explanation: "We fenced in the area to provide an undisturbed control site for native vegetation."

During our Oct. 20 visit, we personally entered every building and structure in the DER complex. We closely examined each room as a potential entryway for the alleged tunnel (or any other suspicious anomalies). We found no evidence of any such entryway.

Howe: "I think it's a safe house. And I'll tell you it has every sign of being that."

In the intelligence trade, a safe house is a secret refuge for spies engaging in covert operations. A safe house is a seemingly innocent house or premise established by an intelligence organization for conducting clandestine activities in relative security.

The DER is roughly 200 miles from the nearest metropolitan area (Salt Lake City, UT, or Las Vegas, NV).

Linda thought the DER would make a good safe house, but it would make no sense to use it as a secret refuge in intelligence operations—especially when one considers the almost limitless possibilities in and around the metropolitan areas of probable operation.

Unlike the cities, at the DER there

is nowhere to run, should the clandestine activities be discovered. Unwelcome "eyes," using simple optics, can surveil the premises from afar with no fear of discovery.

Reasonableness leads one to conclude this would be a very poor "safe house." The use of the facility as an environmental research facility is plausible; its use as a safe house is not.

Howe: [Jones, after one of his visits, apparently told Howe] "This place came alive after 9/11."

I asked Kitchen about this. He told me he had been at the DER from Sept. 10 to Sept. 14 to meet with Southwest PV Systems personnel to discuss the solar array and pump installation before he returned to his Provo, UT, office.

Besides, even if a UFO were buried at the DER, what would that have to do with 9/11?

Howe: [referring to the photographs stolen from the DER] "The aerial photographs were taken with the impact site over on this lake bed being the center.... I thought there has to be some connection between this place (DRES)[sic] and that impact (triangle) ... These photos were 24 inches x 24 inches, single shot aerial photographs on old photographic style paper And these were intelligence photographs, obviously ..."

The photographs didn't look like "intelligence photographs" to me. Intelligence types quit using singular, old-style paper in the early 1950s and began using aircraft equipped with cameras using high-speed "strip" film which results in a continuous strip of exposed film, not a series of single-frame images.

Jones told me the photographs on Howe's website have a 1/40,000 notation, and he suspects they were taken by an aircraft flying at very high altitude.

Even though I spent much of my 35-year career as an aeronautical/astronautical engineer working on surveillance systems, that doesn't make me an expert in aerial photography.

But I know someone who is: Dr.

Bruce Maccabee, a Dept. of the Navy physicist and MUFON photo analyst.

Maccabee said the 1/40,000 notation indicates the photographs were taken from a 2500 to 2800 feet altitude using a 6" lens. This does not fit with Jones' suspicions they were taken from high-altitude by an intelligence agency.

This lens/altitude combination yields a photographic image where 1 inch equals 3,333 feet. Aerial photographs use fine-grained film, enabling upwards of 20X enlargement. Thus, one could yield effective details of a few feet with reasonable resolution.

According to Kitchen, aerial photographs such as these are one tool used for assessing plant growth, path/grazing patterns, and water drainage, etc. At one time, these photographs were valuable for research efforts at the DER.

Howe: "Why is it triangular? My feeling is that it was the shape of the craft that dictated the way and angle of impact, the way it hit the lakebed is what created that V-shaped pattern the triangle pattern was not made by Nature."

The triangle is indeed a mystery. Equally mysterious are the many (15 or thereabouts) triangular features located throughout the world that I found as a result of a short Internet search.

These triangular phenomena occur on every continent. There are even two large triangular shapes on the bottom of the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

Based on this commonality and world-wide distribution, we must either conclude there are natural forces at work forming these patterns or these pesky UFOs just crash and are buried all over the place.

An undersea triangle off the Bermudan coast is strikingly similar, even to the details of an apparent "mounded" perimeter, to the DER triangle (see photos on following page).

In 1999, Jones and his colleague, Les Valez, hired a Salt Lake City geologist (Lamont Sorenson, now deceased) to study two ends of the triangular feature near the DER facility. Sorenson, using both ultrasound and a magnetometer did not detect any strange features



An undersea triangle off the Bermudan coast, left, is similar to the DER triangle.

or artifacts indicating a crashed UFO in the triangular pattern.

He did, however, claim the pattern did not result from natural forces such as flooding or meteor impact. The mystery remains.

The fact is that there is no evidence of what caused the DER triangle—or any of the other triangles at other locations around the world. The triangle may not be a natural feature, but this doesn't mean it's a crashed UFO.

Let's forget all about the fact that triangular shapes appear all over the world. Let's examine whether this particular triangle in Utah might indeed have been formed by the crash of a UFO.

Howe asserts the triangle was formed by the impact of a high-speed UFO crashing into the desert floor. She claims the initial impact point was roughly on the south (based on her Kingman, AZ, premise?), with the sand being thrown northward and to both sides of the lakebed, forming the triangle.

The problem with this theory is that the triangle is backwards! To understand why it's backwards, remember that Howe insists this UFO was "related to the Kingman, AZ, crash" and thus, came from the south.

When something hits the ground, the energy is greatest at the initial impact point, diminishing to zero when it stops.

This displaces the most sand at the initial impact point, spreading it roughly uniformly on both sides.

As the craft slowed and energy dissipated, the sand would not be thrown as far, finally coming to rest, forming a triangle or "V" with the point or apex in the north.

But the evidence shows us just the opposite of what we would expect—a triangle with its apex pointing north—unless, of course, the damaged UFO somehow made a "U" turn!

Nor is there any seismic record of the event Howe claims. To displace the amount of soft sand required to form the triangle would require an energy output of over 10 kilotons—roughly the yield of the atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima in 1945.

An energy output of this magnitude would most certainly result in seismic activity, yet there is no seismic event recorded for this area.

Near Milford, some 40 miles away, there were two small trembles, and another small quake was recorded about 60 miles north of the DER near Kings Canyon, but nothing at the DER.

CONCLUSION: For many of her statements, Howe relied on a man who claimed to have been a C-141 pilot and part of the UFO recovery team. He said he had personal knowledge of a UFO buried in or under the triangle in the desert near the DER.

Further, he claimed he personally visited the site and saw the buried UFO sometime in 1993. None of this made sense to me.

How could he have flown a C-141 to recover a UFO that crashed in 1953 when the C-141 didn't become operational until 1964?

Why would security forces allow a retired officer access to what would be a still classified location? He said he feared "they will shoot me" for talking about the incident, then proceeded to tell all.

This sounded very suspicious to me, and my suspicions proved to be correct.

On Oct. 27, Jones told me in an email, "the ex-USAF person that Linda contacted was completely blowing smoke at her. Unfortunately, she didn't realize it. That part of her report is completely bogus."

In this paper I do not address those portions of her report based on this bogus source. All of the statements I address here are those of either Linda herself or of Steve Jones, her original source.

Next month: The Cedar Breaks, UT, alleged crash/retrieval.

Richard Dolan to host Sci Fi show

Richard Dolan, who has done dozens of interviews and narrations on UFOs, including the 2005 MUFON symposium, will host a Sci Fi Channel show called Sci Fi Investigates.

Dolan is one of four hosts. The others include an archaeologist, a crime scene investigator, and "Boston Rob."

Dolan, a trained historian, attended Oxford University and the University of Rochester, where he earned a master's degree.

His book, *UFOs and the National Security State*, is the first of two volumes that provides a chronology of what he calls the national security dimensions of the UFO phenomenon from 1941 to 1973. A second volume, due out in early 2007, will describe events from 1973 to the present.

Where we came from?

Adam the Missing Link (The New History of Mankind's Creation) by Marshall Klarfeld, Library of Congress #TSu 1-115-248, 8 1/2 x 11, spiral bound, 66 pages.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

This colorful book, printed on high quality paper, is a combination of Zecharia Sitchin and Eric Von Danikan, as interpreted by the author.

Sitchin and Neil Freer are credited in the References section as the primary sources of information.

While this publication plows no new ground, it is noteworthy in the wealth of illustrations—ranging from the cuneiform tablets of Sumer to the Nazca Lines of Peru.

Klarfeld seeks to answer four questions: "How was our solar system shaped?" and "How did humanity evolve on our planet?"

He seeks to answer these questions by dividing his research into four categories:

- ◆ Stored information text (Cuneiform tablets);
- ◆ Stored information device (cylinder seals);
- ◆ Stored information sculpture (Ishtar statue, etc.); and
- ◆ Stored information structure (pyramids, etc.).

He notes that "it has been observed that when an advanced civilization encounters a primitive culture, three things tend to occur:

- ◆ The advanced civilization dominates the primitive culture;
- ◆ The advanced civilization imposes its form of governing; and
- ◆ The advanced civilization transfers its technology.

The author, like Sitchin, suggests that the cuneiform tablets describe how the advanced Anunnaki civilization from the planet Nibiru created humans through DNA manipulation, combining the Anunnaki with the ape-like creatures which were already present to

form workers for the Anunnaki gold mines.

This was done, according to the author, 250,000 years ago in what is now east central Africa, adjacent to the Anunnaki gold mining operations—"the precise point where archeologists say our species originated."

The first human was called Adam, which means "one who is like Earth's clay." The Sumerian account is compared with the Hebrew Bible story, as well as with stories from other ancient civilizations.

These new humans proved to be attractive to some of the Anunnaki, and children were born of these unions. This was unacceptable to the Anunnaki high council, who decided to wipe out these humans with a flood, but some were saved.

The Anunnaki ("those who came down from the heavens") then transferred some of their technology and culture to the new Earthlings—all the while maintaining control.

By about 1250 B.C. the visitors from the planet Nibiru had left Earth, and humans had to begin fending for themselves. The Anunnaki had left behind their technology—and perhaps the beginning of religion, focused on the god or gods who had left.

Klarfeld covers many cultures in this short book, pointing out examples of "stored information" which suggest that stories similar to that of the Anunnaki can be found in other ancient sources.



Feb. 25-March 2, 2007—International UFO Congress Conference & Film Festival, Laughlin, NV, 303-651-7136, www.ufocongress.com.

May 18-19—McMenamins UFO Festival, McMinnville, OR, 503-472-8427.

Aug. 10-12—MUFON International UFO Symposium, Denver, CO.

Dr. Leir reports 14th implant removal

Dr. Roger Leir and his surgical team have performed Leir's 12th surgery for the removal of an object suspected of being an alien implant.

The patient in this case was female, and the object was located in the third toe of her right foot.

The object removed was another metallic rod about 6 mm in length covered with a biological coating. The rod was located on the bottom side of the 3rd toe, and deep in the tendon structure.

Prior to removal it was found that the object was emitting an electromagnetic field of 4 milligauss, as well as a radio frequency signal, according to Dr. Leir.

As with the other 11 cases, the patient fulfilled all the criteria making her a candidate for surgical extraction. She, along with her family, reportedly had "a full and rich history involving the alien abduction phenomena."

As with the other surgical cases, Dr. Leir did not permit the patient to undergo hypnotic regression prior to the surgery, as it was his feeling this could bring about undo criticism regarding the patient's memories of her experiences.

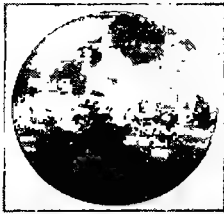
In 2004, the patient contacted Dr. Leir requesting assistance with her abduction experiences. At that time she submitted an x-ray showing the object.

Dr. Leir and his team of radiologists reviewed the film and determined the object was metallic. They also pinpointed its exact location.

Another film was taken on the day of the surgery, and it was reportedly found that the metallic object had not only moved from its original location, but had also fractured into three separate pieces.

This made the surgical extraction more difficult, but fortunately the entire piece was removed in one segment of biological tissue.

The metallic portion was then separated from its soft tissue envelope and placed in a blood serum preservative derived from the patient.



FILER'S FILES

By George Filer
Director, MUFON Eastern Region



Note: These reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated, unless noted.

Rhode Island egg-shaped UFO

Providence — A 35-year-old male going by the name of Vaughn witnessed a UFO on Oct. 20, 2006. There was one other witness by the name of Kananga who also saw the object in flight.

The time was 6:30 PM, and a storm had just left the area. The object was described as being either egg-shaped or spherical in nature. It had a gray top, and its bottom was fire-white.

When the eyewitnesses had initially spotted the UFO, it was flying south; passing an airliner that was heading in a northerly direction. It was around that time that they determined that this UFO was smaller than an airliner.

It made its closest pass as it flew overhead at an altitude of one mile and at a distance of one mile away, and didn't make any noise. It was around that time that they were able to film the object in flight.

It then flew northbound and disappeared from view. Vaughn reported that he had previous UFO experiences when he was 8 or 9 years old, and again at the age of 16.

Thanks to investigator Christopher Montgomery, executive director UFORC International Global Network.

Virginia UFO visits ROTC

Blacksburg — This happened during an Army ROTC weekend training Oct. 7, 2006, in a large wooded area on base.

The witness reports, "While on a land navigation exercise in the woods at about 2:30 AM, two other people in

my fireteam and I witnessed a large ball of light traveling slowly over the tree-tops. There was a very high pitched humming noise.

"Our compasses were not working, but using terrain association we figured that it was heading roughly north/northeast, at maybe 10-20 mph.



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"It was moving much too slowly to be a missile or other projectile that I've ever seen, and was far too close to have been mistaken for a helicopter or an airplane.

"We have not reported this incident to anyone, although I have heard from other cadets in the NR Battalion besides those in my squad/fireteam that saw the same object early that morning. It passed almost over us, and I could not discern its shape; it was only a blob of light."

Thanks to Christopher Montgomery.

Commander Bethune's sighting

During the Disclosure Project, Commander Graham Bethune (US Navy Ret.) revealed that his Flight 124 from Keflavik, Iceland, was involved with a near miss of a UFO in 1951, about 300 miles outside of Argentia, Newfoundland, at 49-50 North and 50-03 West.

He states, "I saw a glow on the water, and as we approached this glow, it turned into hundreds of circles of white lights on the water.

"We watched it for a while; when the lights went out, there was nothing on the water. The next thing that we saw was a yellow halo that was very small, about 15 miles away.

"It came up to 10,000 feet in a fraction of a second. I disengaged the autopilot and pushed the nose over, because I was going to go under it at the angle that it was coming toward me.

"The minute that I did that, it was up at our altitude and I could see nothing outside of the cockpit but this craft. I didn't know which way to go.

"Then all of a sudden I heard a racket. I didn't know what it was. And I said: 'What the hell was that?' One of the crewmen looked around and said, 'Everyone was ducking and they collided with each other, and fell on the floor of the plane.'

"Then the UFO appeared over to the right, moved out slowly, and flew with us. It was not at our altitude, but we could see the shape of it. It was a dome, and I could see the coronal discharge.

"I went back aft, let the other pilot, Al Jones, take my seat, and went to see if the passengers were OK. They had some bumps and bruises. One passenger was a doctor, so I went to him first.

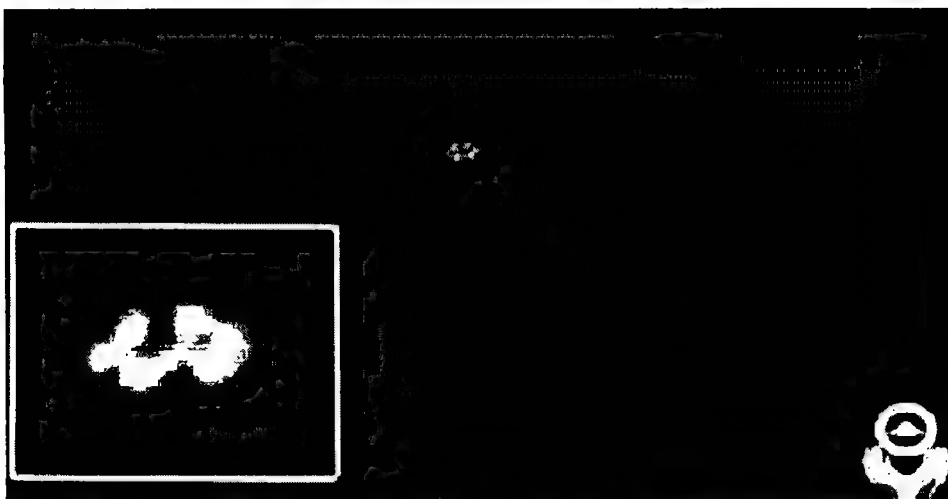
"I said, 'Doc, did you see what we saw?' He looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Yeah, it was a flying saucer.' He said: 'I didn't look at it because I don't believe in such things.'

"It took me a couple of seconds to realize what he was saying. Being a psychiatrist, he couldn't believe in that kind of thing.

"So I went back to the cockpit and said, 'Al, whatever you do, don't tell anybody we saw anything. They will lock us up as soon as we get on the ground.'

"He says, 'It's too late. I just called Gander Control in Newfoundland to see if they could track this by radar.' So that's how the story got out."

George Wolkind writes, "Paula and I are saddened by the news about Graham Bethune's death. We both really



UFO videotaped by young girl in Yucatan, Mexico

Susula, Yucatan — Ana Luisa Cid, a young girl, managed to record on video a possible luminous UFO on Sept. 1, 2006, according to Gustavo Aleman, director of the Ovni Merida group.

Aleman's report: "I saw a flash in the sky and summoned my colleagues to confirm what I was seeing. When we tried to videotape it, the object came closer to the site, and that's how we

managed to record it, although at that point it was in plain sight.

"A few seconds elapsed and the object went away. We didn't see it again. We immediately broke camp and tried to locate it elsewhere along the highway, but it wasn't possible...it was either a mere chance or it was our lucky day."

Thanks to *The Journal of Hispanic Ufology* and Ana Luisa Cid.

thought that he was special, and he will be missed. He always treated everyone with love and respect."

Thanks to George Wolkind (Delaware Extra Terrestrial Contact Support Group).

California discs

Lancaster — "I was taking pictures of the clouds from my yard," says the witness, "when I saw a disc-shaped object hovering in front of the clouds on Oct. 3, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

"I was trying to figure out what it was when it shot to the left a short distance, then straight up at a 90-degree angle. Then it moved back to the right, and I took a picture.

"Before I could take another, it moved straight up and out of sight. It was gray in color, and the sighting lasted about 3 to 5 minutes. The day was bright with high clouds, and little wind. This is the second sighting within a week."

Thanks to Peter Davenport, director, www.ufocenter.com.

Illinois diamond-shaped object

Joliet — The witness reports: "My brother, his girlfriend, and I witnessed a diamond-shaped craft that was hovering about a half mile away from us on Sept. 30, 2006, around 10 PM.

"At that distance it appeared as a red-whitish light. After 3 to 4 minutes of hovering, the craft began to move slowly in our direction. It came to within 1,000 feet of us, about 100 feet high.

"At this time the distinct lights on the craft were clearly visible. There were red rectangle lights in a cross pattern on the bottom, along with many white lights.

"The craft was small, and I would think only one or two people could travel in it. The thing I was most amazed with was the absence of sound.

"After it passed us, my brother and I tried to run with it to get a longer look. The craft was traveling 30-40 mph, so needless to say, we did not keep up with it very long.

"We lost track of it in the neighbor-

hood. At 27, 26, and 24 years of age, it was the most amazing thing we have ever witnessed."

Thanks to Peter Davenport, director, ufocenter.

Michigan cigar-shaped object

Grand Rapids — "Standing in the front yard," says the witness, "four of us watched a silver cigar-shaped craft move slowly across the sky on Oct. 6, 2006, at 5:30 PM, and suddenly pick up speed and vanish.

"Two of my children, myself, and my neighbor were looking north at the sky and noticed a cigar-shaped, shiny object that appeared to be very high up—about where an airplane would fly.

"It seemed to move very slowly and left no smoke trail behind it. It also seemed to be moving sideways. Then it suddenly picked up speed and disappeared in a flash.

"I have never seen anything like this before, and I have no background having anything to do with UFOs."

Nevada diamond-like object

Fallon — The witness reports: "My brother and I were outside on a bike ride on Meadow Glen Drive on Oct. 27, 2006, on our way to our uncle's house when my brother noticed something flying really slow.

"We had thought it was just an airplane until I noticed it looked like a diamond and had no wings. It was a grayish blue color, and flying real slow. It got real close to us and flew to our right.

"It was fast with these movements until it was away from us. That's when it went slow again. My brother screamed, and we pedaled really fast to get to our uncle's house. We were scared and we wanted to get away as fast as possible.

"We lost sight of the object when we got to our uncle's. He had come outside to see what was going on, and we went to show him, and it was gone."

Utah sighting

Elaine Douglass writes that she requests a correction on her Aug. 29, 2006, sighting. Following is the cor-

California photos

Modesto — R. David Anderson reports, "This past weekend, I was in the back yard relaxing on a chaise lounge.

"I had my eyes closed and was about to nod off to sleep when I suddenly snapped back to consciousness and immediately saw a bright orange object in the sky towards the south.

"I stared at it for about three minutes, and it moved north until it was almost directly above me. I ran into the garage and got out the binoculars. I watched the object through the binoculars for at least five min-



utes as it just hovered above.

"It seemed to change shape from a sphere to a diamond shape, then to a cylinder. I ran into the house and got my camera, and came out and took four pictures of the object.

"The UFO now began to move back towards the south, after having completed a full 180-degree turn.

"Altogether, the object was visible for over 15 minutes, and it took this long for it to complete this course trajectory.

"The object appeared around 6 and was gone by 6:15 PM. The UFO traveled contrary to the wind direction." Report and photos by R. David Anderson.

rected version: "I was lying on my back on a lawn in downtown Moab, UT, at 3:45 PM (MDT). 'What's that?' I said to my companion, Dennis B. We both observed a bright white trapazoid-shaped object moving across the sky at a walking pace and in a meandering manner overhead.

"The object periodically stopped. It also appeared to be rotating or tumbling. It was high, but not that high. Apparent size 1/4 thumb's width. It was moving slowly now, and then at one point turned north.

"The object had distinct edges. The Sun was high—about 45 degrees in the west—and southwest of the object, and would have been illuminating it.

"However, I noticed there seemed to be no shadowing of the object on the side away from the sun. 'How can you tell it is rotating?' I asked myself, because the object was uniformly illuminated.

"The way I could tell it was rotating was because the edges and angles of the object moved as I watched. The object was quite white and shiny, seeming to have a surface like highly polished white metal. I watched it for maybe two minutes, and it was obscured by trees directly in front of me.

"That did not concern me, as I assumed I could simply walk 15 feet and see the object again. I believe I did catch sight of it again in a clearing of the tree

branches, at which point I observed it change direction and move, still meanderingly, north. 'What do you think that is?' I asked my companion.

"He thought it was a balloon. Actually, the movement was consistent with a wind-driven object, but the shape was not consistent with a balloon. My companion was not particularly interested in the object, and he seemed to be trying to find a conventional explanation.

"I quickly went into the street beyond the trees to find the object, and it was not there. I searched the whole sky and nothing could be seen. At the speed the object had been moving, there is no way it would have moved across the sky, since I began looking for it almost immediately.

"As for wind, I felt no wind on the ground, and I observed the clouds to see if there was drift. The only clouds visible were high cirrus clouds, well above the object, and I observed no drift of those clouds." Thanks to Elaine Douglas, MUFON Utah State Co-Director.

Canada sightings

Fort McMurray, Alberta — "On Sept. 23, 2006, at 4:45 AM, I saw about eight objects flying east in a "V" formation very fast," says the witness. Then I noticed a second group flying from the west, following the first group.

"I thought that the first sighting was just one triangular ship flying low be-

cause of the way the lights were totally in sync, but when I noticed the second group, the lights moved as if each light was an individual craft, and that meant they were flying at a much higher altitude.

"The height and speed was over 10,000 feet with speeds of 500 to 1,000 kmh." Thanks to www.ufoinfo.com.

Alleged repair case in Greece

Mega Platanos — K. B. Moschovos reports, "This photo is from September 1992 of the village Mega Platanos where a small UFO fell to the ground with damage near a shepherd's home.

"Three or four little men made the repairs and disappeared again. The case is called Karatrangios from the name of the shepherd's family."

"Case two. A giant light sphere was seen three days ago at the same place, going enormous speed toward the island of Corfu." Thanks to K. B. Moschovos.

NUFORC is moving

After 32 years in the Seattle area, the National UFO Reporting Center is moving to a new locale in eastern Washington, a decommissioned U. S. Air Force ICBM missile base, located between the towns of Davenport and Harrington, WA, in Lincoln County.

PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

Astrobiology

I had been somewhat wary of buying Dr. David Grinspoon's book *Lonely Planets: The Natural Philosophy of Alien Life*, (Harper and Collins, 2003, 459 pages), but after two people I respected said good things about it, I bit the bullet.

My wariness stemmed from the fact that David is the son of Dr. Lester Grinspoon, a retired (emeritus) Harvard professor of psychiatry who had provided one of the sillier explanations for UFOs.



Stan Friedman

His paper "Psychiatry and UFO Reports," with Dr. Alan Persky (also a Harvard psychiatrist) is included in the book *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*, edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page.

The book includes papers presented at a symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston on Dec. 26 and 27, 1969.

It was published by Cornell University Press, 1972, and includes 341 pages with 15 separate papers.

There is a lot of good reading, including Jim McDonald's paper, "Science in Default: Twenty-two Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations," especially in contrast with Donald Menzel's paper, "UFOs—The Modern Myth," which demonstrates the truth of McDonald's title.

Anyway, Grinspoon and Persky seriously suggested a Freudian explanation: UFO sightings might well represent symbols in the witnesses' minds

for the female breast (round disc shapes) and phallic symbols (cigar-shaped craft).

Not a bit of evidence was provided, and no case investigations were cited which would lead anybody to this silly conclusion. The only UFO book referenced by them was Carl Jung's *UFOs: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky*.

In the text, reference is made indirectly to the Betty and Barney Hill case with a very strange comment that their explanation "is offered as an alternative hypothesis to the given understanding of one of the most popularized UFO reports, which ethical and legal considerations prevent us from citing."

Considering that John G. Fuller's book about the case, *The Interrupted Journey*, had already been a best seller and available for years, makes one wonder why.

Grinspoon and Persky suggest that the case was an example of a psychosis known as folie a deux, a communicated form of mental disorder.

"This is a psychosis in which one of two intimately associated people develops certain mental symptoms, particularly delusions, which are communicated to and accepted by the second person."

Kathy Marden, Betty's niece, pretty much demolishes this armchair explanation by noting the many differences between Betty's and Barney's detailed accounts in a new book "Captured," which hopefully will be published in 2007.

In a column I did a while back, I had noted the need for new blood in ufology with a lot of us "leaders" in the field getting older. John Schuessler, Bob Wood, Dick Hall, and myself are all over 70.

The same holds true for SETI and exobiology and the newer version astrobiology. Sagan, born in 1934, is

gone. Frank Drake was born in 1930. Seth Shostak is over 60.

David is definitely one of the leaders of the new generation of scientists concerned with planetary surfaces and the development of life, having been born in 1960 and been heavily influenced by rock music, science fiction, Star Trek, and a close association with his father's friends, "Uncles" Carl Sagan and Isaac Asimov.

He notes that another close friend of his father was the late John Mack, also a Harvard professor of psychiatry, who had graduated from Harvard the same year as Lester.

They received their advanced degrees at the same time and were close colleagues, attended each other's weddings, etc... and eventually disagreed about UFO abductions.

David even relates that he was upstairs when Sagan, Lester Grinspoon, and McDonald listened to tapes that Lester had borrowed from Benjamin Simon of the Hills' hypnosis sessions.

What is somewhat surprising to me is that Lester Grinspoon is no stranger to controversy, having been a strong and public advocate of the medical uses of marijuana for many years. He has provided testimony to congressional hearings on the topic and written several books.

He was also one of the first physicians to use Lithium compounds in the treatment of mental disease. It is obviously harder to gather laboratory data on UFOs than on reactions to, and side effects of, various drugs.

David takes note in a footnote that Carl Sagan, a very good friend of Lester, had used marijuana. This has been noted before. Too bad a psychiatrist with Lester's smarts and courage hasn't looked at the subject of the "Will not to believe" so common amongst prominent astronomers, and apparently some psychiatrists.

David Grinspoon has a breezy style, and doesn't seem to try to impress the reader with dense prose. I enjoyed the book and its much broader perspective than usually found in the SETI literature.

He has been steeped in planetology since working as a college freshman as an assistant to the Voyager Imaging team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena for the Voyager 2 Jupiter Encounter in 1979.

He describes the complete surprise of the group watching as the images of Jupiter's moon Europa were first stripped on to the screen. The theories had predicted an ancient dead cratered landscape on the small ice planet.

Instead they saw a smooth bright surface criss-crossed by strange dark lanes.

Throughout the book he cites instances of reality conflicting with theories, and the need for a certain amount of humility about predictions.

"As you might expect, many comfortable preconceptions have been completely overturned. Much of what we thought we knew about comparative planetology turns out to be wrong."

The SETI cultists could learn a lot about humility.

He makes the interesting point that the arrival of the Galileo spacecraft, launched in 1989 towards Jupiter, made clear that the Jovian family of satellites was really a planetary system of its own. Different factors influenced the development of each satellite.

By that time he had his PhD and was a comparative planetologist funded by NASA

Grinspoon suggests replacing the well known, and over hyped, Drake Equation with a version that more properly deals with the rate at which planetary surfaces change from being suitable for life to being uninhabitable.

He notes that users of the Drake "equation" compute a value for the number of civilizations in the galaxy that varies from 10,000 to 1 billion; hardly a scientific result indicative of understanding the situation.

Not surprisingly, considering his extensive academic and NASA-related

background, Grinspoon says very little about the feasibility of interstellar travel.

Obviously, if an advanced civilization has developed relatively straightforward interstellar travel, one might expect colonization and migration to be the rule rather than the exception.

Such a civilization would be able to not only spread their influence in their local neighborhood, but to shift from planets or solar systems where, for any of a number of reasons, life becomes much more difficult.

Surely he is aware of nuclear fusion being the primary source of energy for most stars. It would not be surprising if he, like most academics, was unaware of the substantial effort that has been made in the development of nuclear aircraft, nuclear rockets, nuclear ramjets, as well as fusion rockets.

It is also not surprising that Grinspoon nowhere discusses the security implications of advanced vehicle technology demonstrated by flying saucers—normal stuff like weapons delivery and defense systems and reconnaissance missions.

Grinspoon isn't strongly anti-UFO ala Carl Sagan in *Demon Haunted World*, as discussed in my *TOP SECRET/MAJIC* or Drake in his *Is Anyone Out There?*

However, his knowledge seems very limited. For example, he doesn't mention the Congressional Hearings of 1968 with Jim McDonald's outstanding paper covering 41 good cases. Sagan and 10 other PhDs and myself (The only non PhD presenter) also contributed.

He never mentions Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer involved with the UFO subject for almost 40 years and author of such books as *The UFO Experience*. Of course there is no mention of Richard Hall's two volumes of *The UFO Evidence*.

He mentions the Condon Report, but makes this totally false statement: "In 1966 the House Armed Services Committee decided that Project Blue Book hadn't gotten anywhere, so they handed the files over to the University of Colo-

rado under the direction of physicist Edward Condon.

"The Condon Report published in 1969 did not satisfy anyone on either 'side' of the UFO controversy. It concluded that nothing could be concluded, and that further study was not justified."

The fact is that the Condon study was almost completely independent of Project Blue Book.

It had been recommended by the O'Brien Committee in a "Special Report of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee to Review Project Blue Book," one of whose members was Carl Sagan.

Furthermore I think a great deal of emphasis should be placed on the findings of the Special UFO Subcommittee established by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Its findings about the Condon study, published in 1970, "Astronautics and Aeronautics," included this statement: "We find that the opposite conclusion could have been drawn from the content of the report—namely that a phenomenon with a high ratio of unexplained cases (about 30 %) should arouse sufficient scientific curiosity to continue its study."

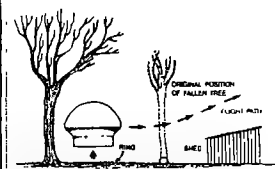
For reasons unknown, Grinspoon speaks of there having been only three official UFO government studies in the 50s and 60s.

He names "The Scientific Advisory Panel on UFOs," but not its chairman, H.P. Robertson, though noting that panel member Luis Alvarez, a noted scientist, was co-discoverer of the giant comet impact that doomed the dinosaurs.

He gives it equal weight with Blue Book and the Condon studies, even though the panel met for only five days and included mostly people who had known nothing about UFOs and did no field investigations.

There is no mention at all of "Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14," the huge 1955 study by Battelle Memorial Institute which includes more than 200 tables, charts, graphs, and maps relating to 3,201 sightings...25 times as many as studied by Condon.

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Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

The Tatra Project

This is a report dealing with the most significant event in my 42 years of research. Some details will be left out of this report for reasons that will become obvious.

I have been able to collect a wealth of information, both historical and current, relating to this 36-year quest.

The Tatra Project began in 1970 when a close friend contacted me with an incredible story from his neighbor.

Knowing of my interest in cave exploration and unusual occurrences, he felt

I should hear the story. Two weeks later my wife and I traveled 800 miles to meet this Czechoslovakian engineer at his home.

We were immediately impressed with Tony and Anna Horak, both in their early 70's, as a quiet and extremely intelligent couple. After a casual conversation I brought up the cave and artifact.

He began by showing us a very old and worn diary he had carried with him during World War II. The diary was 5 by 7 inches in size and filled with very detailed daily accounts of his involvement in the fighting.

The first entry was dated Sept. 5, 1944, and described the conflict near Levoca. Tony had a number of similar diaries written from 1941 to 1944.

We viewed and photographed the diary pages related to the artifact cave, which included a number of detailed sketches of the cave, artifact, and the terrain around the cave location.

Tony had one goal: to have a scien-

tific team reach the cavern and study the artifact. After spending a day and evening with Tony and Anna, I called J. Allen Hynek and told him the story. At his request my wife and I drove to meet him in New Mexico to discuss the information in detail.

After a day of discussion we agreed an expedition should be initiated. Two weeks later, funding was agreed upon. It would come from a well-known actor. It was a sure thing, we thought.

The beginning of the beginning

Antonin (Tony) T. Horak was born 109 years ago in the village of Hermannstadt, located near the border that now exists between the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The family was on vacation at one of their homes in Hermannstadt, located a great distance (at that time) from their property in Bohemia.

For many generations the family enterprise was called Domain Keilberg, and included agriculture, forests, and mines. This property is located in the district of Jachymov, Bohemia.

The following is a summary of Tony Horak's personal history, background, work, and education:

Attended various schools (named in document) in Prague, London, and Paris 1903-1915. 1915-1919:

Joined Czech Army, fought in Austro/Hungary conflict, lieutenant in 1916 with division decorations.

1921: Married Anna Krisch, graduated University of Banska Stiavnica (geology).

1924: Graduated University of Prague (engineering).

1927 Graduated University of Prague (business management & philosophy).

1928-1930 director-adjoint at mine near Pribram, Bohemia, 1932-1935 Director of mining complex Saline Vizakna.

Between 1925 & 1931 Tony and Anna traveled to the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Argentina on mining business.

1935-1939: Tony & Anna moved to Banska Bystrica, Slovakia (mine director)

1939: Arrested by the Germans and placed in Theimwald concentration camp.

1941: Escaped from concentration camp and fled to Slovakia. In hiding until 1943.

1943-1944: Became a member of army insurgents (rank of captain) fighting in sector Podkar-Patska Russ.

1945-1948: Fugitive in Prague, to Paris-fugitive from Russians.

1952: Arrived United States with Anna.

1952 - 1974: Built and owned a restaurant and taught music and languages.

Antonin Horak died in 1976, Anna in 1978.

Military action

As noted above, in October, 1944, Tony was a captain in the Slovakian Army, fighting in the north of Slovakia near the Polish border. I am quoting directly from the 1944 diary of Tony Horak:

"Saturday, October 21, 1944. The remnants of our battalion (184 men and officers, a quarter wounded, 16 stretcher cases) were retreating through the snow of the north slope.

"My company was the rear guard. At dawn Sunday, two 70mm guns opened up at us from close range-about 300 meters. Having held our position for 12 hours, I ordered a gradual breakup of the skirmish and a slip-off.

"But in our left trench someone became careless, and that drew two direct hits-shells, two wounded. Arriving there I bumped into the enemy, caught a bayonet and bullet with my left palm and a blow on my head, which



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Tony Horak, left, and J. Allen Hynek in 1970.

put me out. Without my fur cap it might have been fractured.

"Sunday, October 22, 1944. I came to when someone was pulling me from the trench, a tall peasant. He packed snow on my hand and head, and grinned.

"Then this rough and ready Samarian grabbed Jurek, stripped off his pants, yanked a long slivver of steel from his thigh, and planted him bare-bottomed and gasping into a heap of snow. Martin, with a slash across and into his belly, was tenderly bandaged.

"Building a stretcher, the peasant introduced himself as Slavek, a sheepman, owner of the pastures hereabouts. With Slavek hauling and guiding, it took us four hours to reach this cranny.

The cave

"Slavek moved rocks in the cranny and opened a low cleft, the entrance to this roomy grotto.

"Placing Martin in a niche, we were astonished to see Slavek become ceremonious: he crossed himself, each of us, the grotto, and, with a deep bow, its back wall, where a hole came to my attention.

"About to leave us, Slavek went through the same holy rites, and begged me not to go further into his cave. I accompanied him—to fetch pine boughs—and he told me that only once, with his father and grandfather, he had been in this cave: that it is a huge maze, full of pits which they never wanted to fathom,

pockets of poisonous air, and 'certainly haunted.'

"I was back in the grotto with my men at about midnight, exhausted, head very painful, soothed it with snow. Martin was unconscious, Jurek feverish.

"For breakfast-lunch-dinner he and I had hot water, and, thank God, I had my pipe. I placed warm stones around Martin, and Jurek got the first watch.

"October 23, 1944. Miserable night. Martin at times conscious; I gave him three aspirins and hot water to sip with drops of Slivovitz.

"Jurek hobbled hungrily around the two German helmets in which he boiled water, to which I added 10 drops of Slivovitz, our breakfast. With this deluge of snow, avalanches imminent, and enemy skiers roaming, Slavek may not be able to get through to us with food for days to come.

"And neither should I try hunting and track up the landscape while I have two immobilized men on my hands.

"But here we have this cave which Slavek knows only partially; it may have more than this known entrance, and it may contain hibernating animals.

"These possibilities I mulled over while Jurek was chewing pine bark, and, as expected, he implored me to go poaching into Slavek's cave and promised to keep mum.

"And I was not only starved, but equally eager to find out what makes self assured Slavek scared enough to

invoke the Deities. I started my cave tour with rifle, lantern, torches, pick.

"After a not too devious nor dangerous walk and some squeezings, always taking the easiest and marking side passages, I came, after about 1 1/2 hours, into a long, level passage, and at its end upon a barrel-sized hole.

Next month: The Discovery.

Friedman...

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Grinspoon makes only one disparaging comment about Roswell. But in his notes on sources for his Beliefs chapter he states "Two good books on the 'Roswell Incident' are *The Roswell Report: Case Closed* by Captain James McAndrew and *Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe* by Karl Pflock, a veteran ufologist."

A highlight of the former is the notion that crash test dummies dropped all over New Mexico were responsible for stories about small alien bodies related to Roswell.

Of course, more careful investigation indicates the dummies were 6' tall and weighed 175 pounds, and none were dropped before 1953 (6 years after Roswell) or near either the Corona or Plains of San Agustin crash sites.

I have discussed the many problems with Karl's character assassinations and other aspects of his Roswell investigation in my 2003 paper "Critiquing the Roswell Critics."

The book is an excellent overview of planetology, but certainly has little scientific work on UFOs, space travel, the cosmic Watergate.

I am sure we will hear more from Dr. Grinspoon. I might even buy his book *Venus Revealed*.

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Case reports

Investigators and State Directors. Please send a copy via email (Word) or snail mail of your case reports directly to the *Journal*, including copies of any photos and drawings (.jpg). Thanks.

Directors' Message...

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you have a public service announcement that you would please like them to air.

The FCC requires that TV stations, in order to maintain their broadcast license, periodically air PSAs as a service to the public.

Keep in mind that the TV station does not have to air your PSA, and can give the time slot to another organization, so please be courteous and thank the station.

Explain the mission and goals of MUFON and that it is a 5013C non-profit organization. Mention that the PSA is not soliciting donations, and that it is only to let the station's viewers know that there is somewhere that they can report a possible UFO sighting.

If the TV station agrees to run it, inform them that the PSA is on CD or DVD in a MPEG-2 format and take both the CD/DVD and the printed Articles to the TV station.

If the station cannot accept .mpeg2 files, a Betacam SP broadcast tape can be produced and made available for that particular station.

Easter points out that "if there is a UFO flap in a State Director's jurisdiction, this PSA will be a handy tool to insert into the television viewing to possibly gain witness information that might not otherwise be gathered."

For every UFO sighting that is reported, there are nine that are not, primarily because the witness does not know who to report it to.

Help us in this concerted effort to make MUFON a household name and increase the number of sighting reports MUFON can investigate. Many of these same witnesses are also potential MUFON members.

When the witness fills out the online report form, it will automatically be routed to the appropriate State Director for assignment to a Field Investigator. Please follow up promptly and complete the investigation.

If you are not currently a Field Investigator, now is the time to get trained and take the Field Investigator Exam.

PUNCHLINES



You can purchase the Field Investigator Manual at <http://www.mufon.com/invmanual.htm> for the MUFON member price of \$28.50.

Projects and fundraising

You should have already received MUFON's fall fundraiser letter that was mailed in November. Please read about the important projects MUFON has planned, and help us get these projects off the ground through your generous donation.

These projects include our Public Education Fund, First Responder Education Fund, Preserve UFO History Fund, Research Teams Fund, and UFO Curriculum Fund. Together, we can solve the UFO mystery.

Position Announcements

Sam Maranto of Orland Park, IL, has been appointed as the State Director for Illinois, replacing **David Marler**.

Tracey Smith of Great Bend, KS, has been appointed as the Assistant State Director for Kansas.

Robin Van Olszewski of Greenville has been appointed as the State Section Director for the northwest section of South Carolina.

Charles May has accepted the position of Foreign Representative in Saudi Arabia.

Sherry Basket of Stephenville, TX, has accepted the position of Research Specialist in Educational Counseling.

Malcolm Burnett of Bellevue, WA, has accepted the position of Research Specialist in Electrical Engineering.

New Field Investigators

In the October 2006 *Journal* **Tyron Cole Thompson** of Muncie, IN was mistakenly listed as Tyron Cole Thornton.

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Patty Donahue**, of Eagle, MI, **Mary Jo Bossone** of Pompano Beach, FL, **Theresa Merklinger** of Winter Springs, FL, **Gary Huffman** of Golden, CO, **Charles May** of Saudi Arabia, **Todd Hitch** of Houston, TX, **Frank Lang**, of Seymour, CT, **Richard Blalack** of Wayside, NJ, and **Joseph McElveen** of Rincon, GA, have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

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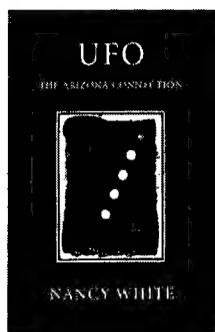
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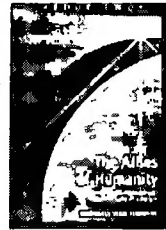
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

January 2007 Sky

Moon Phases:

Full Moon: Jan. 3

Last Quarter: Jan. 11

New Moon: Jan. 19

First Quarter: Jan. 25

Bright planets (evening sky)

Mercury (magnitude -1.0 to -0.9): Moving from Sagittarius to Capricornus.

For Northern Hemisphere observers, Mercury will be visible with difficulty and only later in the month after sunset very low in the southwest.

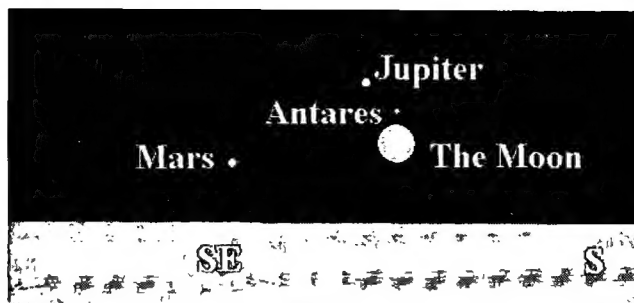
For more favored Southern Hemisphere observers, Mercury will move out of the glare of the Sun near Jan. 16 and will stand about 6 degrees above the western horizon by the end of the month.

Venus (magnitude -3.9 to -0.9): Moving from Sagittarius through Capricornus into Aquarius. For Northern Hemisphere observers, Venus will be visible very low in the southwest after sunset at the beginning of the month; by month's end Venus will stand about 11 degrees above the southwest horizon as evening twilight fades.

For Southern Hemisphere observers, Venus will stand about 6 degrees above the west-southwest horizon at the beginning of the month, rising to 11 degrees above the horizon by the end of the month.

Saturn (magnitude 0.2 to 0.0): In Leo. For Northern Hemisphere observers, Saturn will rise in the east-northeast approximately 3 hours after sunset, and will stand about 27 degrees high in the west at the beginning of morning twilight.

Southern Hemisphere observers will find Saturn rising in the east-northeast approximately 2.5 hours after sunset, and will stand about 44 degrees high in the northwest at the beginning of morning twilight.



Before Dawn on Jan. 15.

Bright planets (morning sky)

Mars (magnitude 1.4): In Sagittarius. For Northern Hemisphere observers, Mars stands more than 60 degrees high in the south-southeast at the beginning of morning twilight, and sets near 2:30 AM in the west-northwest.

For less favored Southern Hemisphere observers, Mars will rise approximately one hour before dawn in the east-southeast at the beginning of the month, standing 13 degrees above the horizon as morning twilight begins.

By month's end, Mars will stand about 17 degrees above the horizon at the beginning of morning twilight.

Jupiter (magnitude -1.8 to -1.9): In Ophiuchus. For Northern Hemisphere observers, Jupiter will rise in the southeast near 5:30 AM, and will stand nearly 14 degrees high in the southeast at the beginning of morning twilight.

For Southern Hemisphere observers, Jupiter rises approximately 1.5 hours before the Sun in the east-southeast, standing about 19 degrees above the east-southeast horizon at the beginning of morning twilight.

By month's end, Jupiter will stand about 44 degrees high in the east-southeast at the beginning of AM twilight.

Meteor showers: Quadrantids:

The Quadrantids are an above average shower, with up to 40 meteors per hours at their peak. The shower will peak this year on Jan. 3, but some meteors will be visible from Dec. 28-Jan. 7.

Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight on the morning of the 4th. Look to the northeast just after midnight to 1 AM.

Unfortunately the full Moon will prevent optimal viewing.

Predicted Rate: 45 to

200 faint meteors per hour.

Where to look: east of Polaris (the North Star) and below Ursa Major (the Big Dipper).

Conjunctions and occultations:

Jan. 5: Jupiter 5 degrees north of Antares

Jan. 6: Saturn 0.2 degrees south of the Moon.

Jan. 15: Antares 0.1 degrees north of the Moon.

Jan. 15: Jupiter 6.0 degrees north of the Moon.

Jan. 17: Mars 5.0 degrees north of the Moon.

Jan. 20: Venus 0.1 degrees north of the Moon.